

SB 942 AN ACT CONCERNING RENTAL APPLICATION FEES

I URGE YOU TO OPPOSE THIS BILL:

To the Honorable Legislators of Connecticut and those serving on the Housing Committee;

I urge you to oppose this bill because;

Housing providers authorized to run screening checks on applicants are not allowed (by regulation) to share the report with the applicant.

Allowing applicants to submit their own screening checks does not take into account that they can limit the information that will show up based on how they structure their request. Further, today it is too easy to create a fake report or to alter a legitimate report to reflect better on the applicant.

From personal experience, I know that prohibiting prepayment of the screening report leaves the housing provider stuck with the charges if the applicant doesn't get the apartment.

The bill prohibits any administrative fee. There is more to screening tenants than simply running a background/credit check.

For these reasons I urge you to oppose this bill.

Respectfully,

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